

## **FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **October 23, 2008**

The meeting was held on October 23, 2008. Those present were: Dana Escott, Richard Woods, Nick Novich, Troy Martin, Sheila Kirkpatrick, Marilyn Ross, Tom Leo, Bill Hanley, Matt Krsul, Norman Jensen, John Roberts, Jeff Cook, Mark Osmaya, and Jeff Walker.

Minutes from September 18, were read and approved.

The bills were presented.

Correspondence: Thank you cards read from fair.

3RAC: Sheila reported 3RAC had their meeting and that there is such a small group of workers, they are not sure what they are going to do yet. She'll let us know when they get established. Sheila spoke to Nancy Matheson and Nancy told her that Ladder Canyon wants to put on the Ranch Hand Rodeo free to the public. She reported that she spoke to Cheryl and that Cheryl wondered why Becky called her. 3RAC would work on interfering with others who rent the fairgrounds facility. Sheila advised that they are working to try and keep the Sr. Pro Rodeo as it is important to our community. Bill Hanley said it was a great thing and Jeff Walker said his business did well during Sr. Pro Rodeo. Tom Leo thanked Sheila for reporting.

Motorcycle Track: Matt reported that he sent a proposal to Dana and that the track proposal and their group are really flexible and willing to work with the Fair Board to make this successful for everyone. He explained that they would use our track in a circuit of races also. This location works great and the layout is good. They can race on Saturday or Sundays, afternoons or evenings. Matt explained that this track would draw a lot of people to our community as it would be a "close to home" track for a lot of racers. There is a lot of good feeling and energy about this track. Marilyn asked who would carry insurance. Matt said they would carry insurance and also they were going to form an association. Sheila asked when there wasn't a sanctioned event, if they were going to let kids play on the track? Matt said no, the track would be locked off. Marilyn asked if they would name Madison County as additional insured on their insurance, Matt said yes. Matt said they'd put gates up. Tom Leo suggested that the group was ready to move forward with their association. Marilyn suggested a public meeting on November 19, 2008 at the Montana Room at the TB School. Dana will set that up and let Matt know. Matt said they'd like to get started prepping the track so they could possibly race in April or May, 2009. Nick asked what is on the track. Matt said they'd level everything, some clay for a base would be ideal, but they've raced on tracks that were just leveled and graded. Sheila advised we'd all have to work together to coordinate dates for rodeo and track events. Tom would like to see the motorcycle track be something unique and Matt said that this design they have is with one corner bigger than the other. Jeff walker suggested that this is a win, win situation for everyone. Marilyn advised that this idea will bring more to our community.

2009 Fair discussion: Sheila advised that she thought our gate money for the rodeo was to low and needed to be higher to help offset some of the cost. Everyone liked the concert after the rodeo, but maybe tickets should be higher since people are getting entertainment after the rodeo. Troy said Nancy Matheson would like an evening performance for the Rand Rodeo, possibly Thursday of the fair and that she wants it to be free to the public. We need entertainment to keep the fair going. Marilyn said that everyone loved the Ranch Hand Rodeo and it was quite a show. Tom said he has heard that everyone liked our fair this year and it was good. Maybe we could sell rodeo tickets in advance.

Bylaws: Richard asked who decided when a board member gets kicked off the board and if the Commissioners decide. Marilyn said some other boards say that if there is three unexcused absences, the board member gets a letter asking them to be off the board. Sheila asked how many can be on Board. Marilyn said it should be odd numbers 5, 7, 9, etc. It is up to a board on how many members. Marilyn said the bigger the Board, the harder it is to get a quorum together. We'll work on the "draft" bylaws.

Release: We are getting closer. Dana advised that Mike from Sanders County (Plains) will send us their information to look at and he would be willing to come down and visit with our board about different events rules, etc. and give us some pointers for fair.

Marilyn said that Great Western Engineering is the preliminary architects who will be coming to look at the buildings for our grants.

Troy brought a proposal from Sound Improvements who looked at the arena sound system and without too much testing, suggested that they thought the speakers on the Crow's nest side were blown. They can put together a small system which is weather tight with a wireless microphone system with little or no echoing for approx \$7,200. These systems are similar to the ones used in Iraq for sound quality and clarity. Something to think about.

Tom motioned to adjourn meeting, Richard seconded it, meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm,

Next fair board meeting, November 20, 2008 at 7 pm at the Fair Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Escott